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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FAA ADMINISTRATOR BUTTERFIELD TO  
ROMANIA SEPTEMBER 10-11.RETRANSMISSION OF BUCHAREST MSG  
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PASS TO FAA/AEU-1

1. SUMMARY: FAA ADMINISTRATOR ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD'S  
VISIT TO ROMANIA SEPTEMBER 10-11 PROVED TO BE HIGHLY  
USEFUL BOTH TO FAA AND EMBASSY. BUTTERFIELD MET WITH MOST  
SENIOR ROMANIAN AVIATION OFFICIAL, DEPUTY MINISTER OF  
DEFENSE VASILE ALEXE, AND WITH OTHER CIVIL AUTHORITIES.  
VISIT WAS EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP AT HIGHER LEVEL OF MARCH  
VISIT BY ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR GAMMON AND PRO-  
VIDED OCCASION TO DISCUSS WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING  
ROMANIAN CIVAIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS, NEEDS FOR NEW EQUIP-  
MENT, AIRWORTHINESS BILATERAL AND POSSIBLE TRAINING OF  
ROMANIAN CIVAIR PERSONNEL IN U.S. BUTTERFIELD. ISSUED  
INFORMAL INVITATION TO ALEXE AND OTHER CIVAIR OFFICIALS  
TO VISIT U.S., WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY WRITTEN IN-  
VITATION. END SUMMARY.

2. FAA GROUP ARRIVED AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 10 AND MET  
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WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS. DINNER AT AMBASSA-

DOR'S FOLLOWED. SENIOR ROMANIAN GUESTS WERE GENERALS

VASILE ALEXE AND CONSTANTIN ZGAVIRDICI; BOTH OF WHOM HAD ATTENDED FORNBOROUGH AIR SHOW. ALEXE IS DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND COMMANDER, AIR AND AIR DEFENSE FORCES. BECAUSE CIVAIR FALLS UNDER MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, ALEXE IS CONSEQUENTLY SENIOR ROMANIAN MILITARY AND CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL. ZGAVIRDICI IS ALEXE'S DEPUTY FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND PLAYS KEY ROLE IN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY; BOTH IN DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PURCHASES. OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED RECENTLY PROMOTED GENERAL AUREL RAICAN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION COMMANDTAROM, WHO WAS SITTING IN FOR GENERAL DUMITRU BALAUR. RELAXED ATMOSPHERE AT DINNER LAID EFFECTIVE GROUNDWORK FOR WORKING MEETINGS FOLLOWING MORNING.

3. IN GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 11 WITH ROMANIAN CIVAIR OFFICIALS HEADED BY GENERAL RAICAN, FAA DELEGATION DISCUSSED ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPECTIVE CIVAIR AUTHORITIES. ROMANIAN AIRPORTS DIRECTOR CONSTANTIN RADUT SKETCHED ROMANIAN'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS, POINTING OUT ROMANIAN NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LONG-RANGE RADARS, AUTOMATED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS, ILS EQUIPMENT; AND INTENTION TO DEVELOP THIRD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT TIMISOARA SUPPLEMENTING BUCHAREST AND CONSTANTA.

4. FAA GROUP PROPOSE WAYS IN WHICH ROMANIAN CIVAIR OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS COULD BENEFIT FROM TRAINING IN U.S. AND RECIPROCAL VISITS. IT WAS AGREED THAT MOST APPROPRIATE BEGINNING MIGHT BE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY

HIGH LEVEL GROUPS TO BE FOLLOWED BY EXCHANGE OF TECHNICIANS. TWO TYPES OF TRAINING FOR ROMANIAN PERSONNEL IN THE U.S. WERE DISCUSSED: INFORMAL OJT AT U.S. CIVAIR INSTALLATIONS AND FORMAL STUDY AT FAA ACADEMY IN OKLAHOMA CITY. DETAILS ARE TO BE WORKED OUT BY CORRESPONDENCE THROUGH EMBASSY.

5. BUTTERFIELD EXTENDED INVITATION TO TWO CONFERENCE, AIR-UNCLASSIFIED

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WORTHINESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 2-11 IN WASHINGTON, AND FLIGHT INSPECTION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD EARLY NOVEMBER IN FRANKFURT.

6. ROMANIANS ADVISED US THEY WILL SOON SUBMIT DRAFT OF PROPOSED BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT, REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR ROMANIAN-MADE IS 29-D GLIDER. DRAFT AGREEMENT WILL APPARENTLY ALSO MAKE REFERENCE TO

POWERED AIRCRAFT. WE INFORMED ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES THAT  
SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO BE WORKED

OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

7. VISIT ENDED WITH CORDIAL LUCHEON HOSTED BY  
GENERAL ALEXE AND HAS CLEARLY SERVED TO FOSTER CLOSER

RELATIONS WITH ROMANIAN CIVIL AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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